

# Measurement ranges of the LCX series

## Question:

I can not find any information concerning the measurement ranges for L and C in the datasheet of the LCX series.

Can you please tell me e.g. where I find this information e.g. for Capacitors? Which is the lowest and the highest value I can acquire with my LCR meter?

## Answer:

All the specifications for the LCX series are based on Z / PHI / R(DC) as these are the base values to calculate all the other measurement results.

The datasheet provides detailed information.

The range for capacitance measurements can be calculated using Z max and Z min in combination with the frequency range.

The calculation is based on the known formula  $Z = 1 / (2 * \text{PI} * f * C)$ .

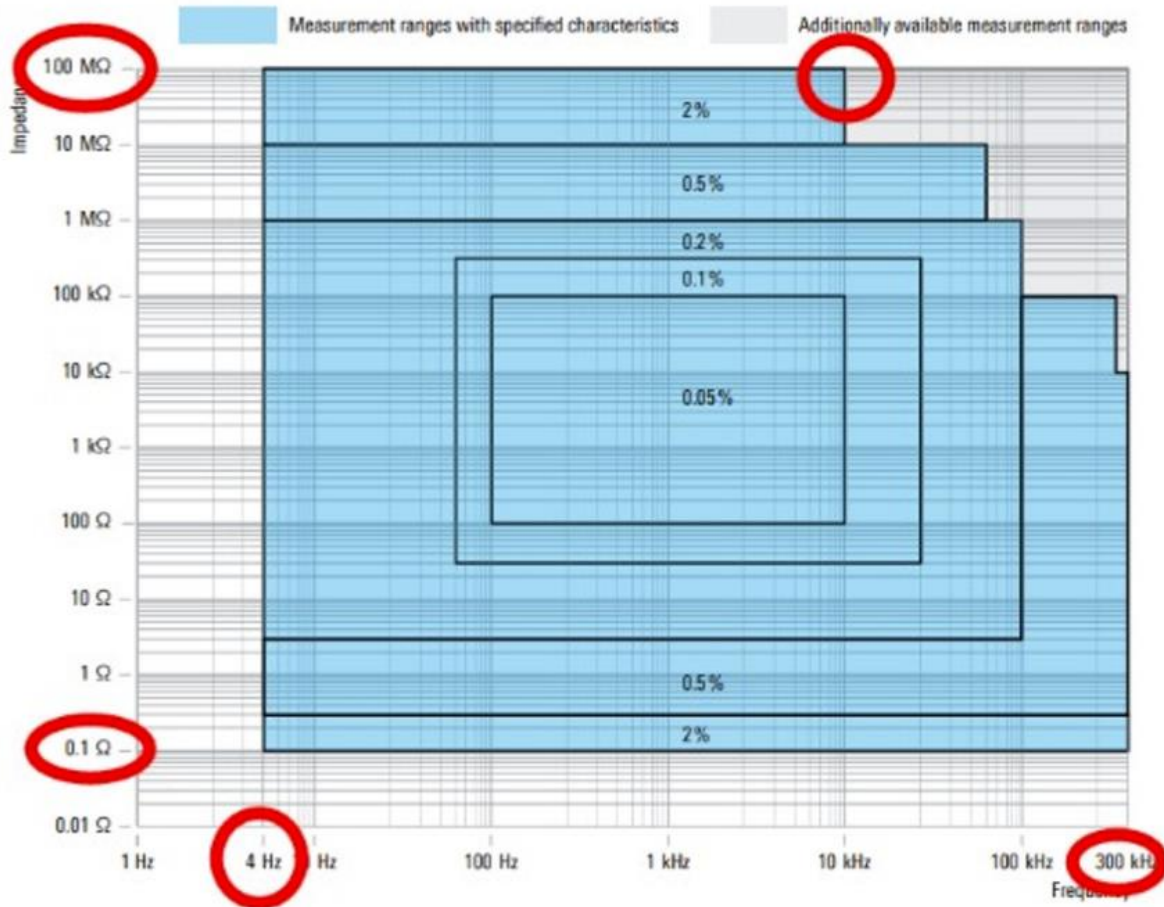
We have to transform it to  $C = 1 / (2 * \text{PI} * f * Z)$

Using an LCX100 the datasheet (V1.0) provides the following ranges:

**Basic accuracy (BA) of R&S®LCX100 for  $R_{\text{meas}} = 100 \Omega$**

BA in % = accuracy in % +  $(Z_{\text{ref}}/Z_{\text{m}} \times 100) + (Z_{\text{ref}}/Z_{\text{m}} \times 100)$

$Z_{\text{m}}$  is the measured impedance;  $Z_{\text{ref}}$  and  $Z_{\text{m}}$  are given in the table below



We calculate

$$Z = 100 \text{ m Ohm} / f = 4 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow C = 297 \text{ mF}$$

$$(Z = 100 \text{ m Ohm} / f = 300 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow C = 5.3 \mu\text{F})$$

$$(Z = 100 \text{ MOhm} / f = 4 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow C = 390 \text{ pF})$$

$$Z = 100 \text{ MOhm} / f = 10 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow C = 0.15 \text{ pF} \text{ (Frequency range reduced in specifications)}$$

So the specified capacitance measurement range for the LCX is between 0.15 pF and 297 mF.